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The controversy over clean drinking water in one part of Susquehanna County continues. Weeks after state environmental officials said drinking water in dimock was not tainted by natural gas drilling, federal officials are now re-examining the case.

After the state Department of Environmental Protection announced its findings a few weeks ago, Cabot Oil and Gas was no longer required to deliver clean water to residents on Carter road in Dimock. Now, environmental officials on the federal level said more tests may need to be done.

A few weeks ago, dozens of people protested a DEP Decision that ended free water delivery to the homes in Susquehanna County.

Aside from such protesting by neighbors, the issue was seemingly resolved. According to the DEP, the drinking water was not tainted by natural gas drilling in the area. But now, federal officials from the Environmental Protection Agency are gathering information to see if more water tests need to be done.

"They kind of sided in with the DEP's findings, and now, I think that they're changing their mind. There's some other stuff that's coming out that they're not satisfied with."

That's what Ronald Carter, who lives on Carter road, said EPA officials told him when they gave him a questionnaire this week.

Officials asked him about the condition of his well, and why he's not drinking the water from his tap. The EPA may conduct its own tests based on interviews with residents in Dimock.

Ronald Carter said he hopes that the EPA can reverse the state's previous decision if another water test is done.

"Hopefully the EPA can do some things that the DEP couldn't," Carter said.

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